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City of George West



Mayor
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Mayor Pro-Tem
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Council
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REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 5/28/2024

- I. Call Meeting to Order-**Mayor Garza called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.**
- II. Roll Call-**All council was present.**
- III. Invocation-**Mayor Garza gave the invocation.**
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States-**The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was led by D'Ann Lane.**
- V. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Texas-**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Texas was led by D'Ann Lane.**
- VI. Public Comments
There were no Public Comments.

- VII. Announcements and Correspondence
 - a) George West High School Graduation will be at Longhorn Field on May 31, 2024, at 8:00 p.m.
 - b) Tentative opening date for SplashPad May 31, 2024, and Swimming Pool June 6, 2024.
 - c) B3 Workcamp will work on a project June 9-11, 2024.

BUSINESS:

1. Mayor to administer Oath of Office to newly elected and reelected City Council Members.

Nathan Stroleny-City Council Place 1
David Ainsworth, Jr.-City Council Place 3

Newly elected councilmember David Ainsworth, Jr., took his seat as City Council Member Place 3 for the first time.

2. **Consideration and Action** to select a Mayor Pro-Tem.
Mayor to administer the oath.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by John Walker. Open for discussion. John Walker suggested the council appoint Jearl Rannefeld. Mayor Garza entertained a motion

to insert after select Jearl Rannefeld. Move as read by Nathan Stroleny. Seconded by John Walker. All in favor. Amendment carried.

Amended agenda item #2 Consideration and Action to select Jearl Rannefeld as Mayor Pro-Tem. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 3. Consideration and Action to change the time of the June City Council Regular Session Meeting to 5:30 p.m.**
- 4. Consideration and Action to approve the following minutes:
a) Regular Session City Council Meeting Minutes April 29, 2024.**
- 5. Consideration and Action to approve Accounts Payable for April 2024.**
- 6. Consideration and Action to approve New Life Church to have a Revival at the City Park June 28-29, 2024, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.**
- 7. Consideration and Action to approve the street closure of 209-211 Brazos St. for community service work by the B3 Youth Group Work Camp June 9-11, 2024.**
- 8. Consideration and Action to approve the Mayor's appointment of Patricia Clifton to the Planning and Zoning Commission effectively immediately.**

Mayor Garza asked if anything needed to be pulled. Nothing was pulled. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Consent Agenda is passed.

PRESENTATION:

- 9. Boys & Girls Club- John Corkhill-George West Youth Center Initiative- 10 Minutes**

The Boys & Girls Club representative could not make it to this meeting. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to postpone. Move as read by John Walker. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. All in favor. This item will be postponed.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 10. Consideration and Action to adopt Resolution No. 2024-12, denying the rate increases from AEP.**

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. All in favor. Resolution was adopted.

ORDINANCES:

11. Consideration and Action to approve Ordinance No. 929, amending all existing HUD Code regulations by the City of George West in accordance with HB 2970.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. Open for discussion. Ms. Holm informed the Council that after being informed of HB 2970, which was effective September 1, 2023 she forwarded to City Attorney, Epi Ysassi. Mr. Ysassi informed the council that this new bill would make it difficult for the city to deny new HUD Manufactured Homes. This bill does give strict guidelines to the new homeowners before they move in. They will have to have a value equal to or greater than the average median taxable value of their neighbors within 500 feet, must have exterior siding, roofing, aesthetic, and foundation compatible with their neighbors within 500 feet, and be securely placed on a permanent foundation system. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

12. Discussion on necessary changes to Animal Control Ordinances No. 543, 631, and 631A.

Shirley Holm stated that the purpose of putting this on the agenda was to see if any of the council members had any input on the necessary changes. Ms. Holm asked the council to bring all suggestions to D'Ann Lane, so we can compile changes for a new Ordinance. John Walker stated that a new Ordinance should be completed, since these Ordinances are very outdated. Mayor Garza is hesitant on euthanizing animals for space at the shelter. John Walker directed the city to use good judgement until we get the Ordinance done.

BUSINESS:

13. Discussion on adding Brush Pickup to the existing Bulky Pickup with Republic Services.

Shirley Holm asked the Council to reconsider Brush Pickup in conjunction with the quarterly Bulky Pickup due to many citizens requesting the service and the random brush dumped on citizen's property. Mayor Garza suggested that we possibly have our city employees go out with trailers and pick up the brush during each Bulky Pickup. In 2021 when the City schedule Republic to complete a brush pickup of approximately 73 piles of brush, it cost \$3,600.00. As of now if citizens call City Hall to have their brush picked up we add it to their bill. Mayor Garza will call Mike Reeves to talk about this.

14. Consideration and Action to approve the usage of George West City Hall for the Live Oak County Medical Response Team 1 Executive Board of Directors meetings.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. Mayor Garza is on the board and would like to have a place to have their meetings. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

BRIEFINGS:

15. Interim City Manager's Report:

- a) Revenue and Expense Report for April 2024.

Shirley Holm gave the Revenue and Expense Report for the period ending April 2024. The General Fund is 72% of the budget for revenue and 59% of the budget for expenditures. In the Utility Fund, we are 55% of budget for revenue and 48% of budget for expenditures. Both Funds are well within the budget currently and reflect a net positive balance of combined balance of \$434,492. The bank balance total is \$ 2,579,597.

- b) City and Project Updates

Ms. Holm reported that the swimming pool will be ready for opening on June 6, 2024. Hours of operation will be Mon.-Fri 8-10 a.m. for Silver Splashers and Adults and Mon-Sat 4-8 p.m. for all other swimmers. We anticipate 8 Lifeguards that will be recertified and refresher courses on June 4, 2024. Splashpad will open May 31, 2024 and hours of operation will be daily 9-11 a.m. and 5-8 p.m.

Other updates include Hot Funds distributed for Quarter 1 2024 totaled \$ 39,252, Preliminary Live Oak Appraisal District Estimates of Value (4/30/2024) \$ 132,630,391, and Resolution 02-13 Establishing City Charges is currently being reviewed for future updated pricing for items resold to citizens that have cost of item changes for consideration by Council in near future.

16. Questions or Briefings at the City Council's Request:

- a) Code Enforcement
- b) Municipal Court Report
- c) Public Works
- d) Police Chief Report
- e) Animal Control

17. Adjournment.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Move as read by John Walker. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
D'Ann Lane, City Secretary

SIGNED: _____
Andrew Garza, Mayor